



ACTION PLAN

1st Year - Explore

This is all about new experiences and exploring your interests. You are encouraged to try new activities, volunteer, and get involved on campus.

- Get in contact with [Career Development](#) so we can assist you with finding your passions and interests, mapping out career ideas, and much more!
- Attend the [Involvement Fair](#) to learn about Linfield activities and how to get involved on campus!
- Attend the [DIVE Event](#) to learn about and apply for internships, local jobs, and campus employment!
- Explore classes from different fields of study in the [Linfield College catalog](#) to begin to identify a desired major.
- Strive for academic success in the classroom.
- Begin to build relationships with a couple of your favorite professors (use the “coffee/lunch date” voucher given in colloquium).
- Learn how to use [Cat Connect](#) so you can apply for jobs, internships, leadership and volunteer positions.
- Update or create a [resume](#) of the activities and experiences you have. Visit the Career Hub to get your resume critiqued!
- Take the [Career Lifftoff Survey](#) to gain insight into your career interests.
- Visit [WhatCanIDoWithThisMajor.com](#) to get ideas about careers in your fields of interest.
- Familiarize yourself with the Linfield Career Development website.
- Seek out [resources](#) to adapt to life at Linfield.
- Map out a 4-year plan of which classes you can take and when, to ensure that you can graduate on time. [Academic Advising](#) is a great resource!
- Find out about the [study abroad options](#) offered. Is this something you might want to pursue?

- Follow LinfieldCareer:    



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2nd Year - Connect

Assess your interests and hone in on what you want your major(s) to be. Start going to departmental activities and attend career events to be mindful of what is to come in the future.

- Think about joining a student-run organization; they are great ways to meet people and create lasting friendships.
- Decide on your major and strive for academic success.
- Thinking about [studying abroad](#) at Linfield? Research the programs to see which one suits you!
- If you haven't already, take the [Career Lifftoff Survey](#) and analyze your results with an appointment in Career Development.
- If eligible, start looking at different honor societies to join. If not eligible, see if there's something you can do to improve your grades.
- Remember to cultivate relationships with your professors – they have great insights, and you will need a few of them to write letters of recommendation for you!
- Practice [interviewing](#) now! Make a **mock interview** appointment with Career Development!
- Attend [career events](#) to be conscious of what opportunities the future will bring!
- Start looking for spring and summer [internship](#) opportunities. Check out [Cat Connect](#)!
- Use the [Social Media Guide](#) to make sure your online profiles are professional.
- Start a portfolio of accomplishments and evidence to show to your connections.
- Map your major and college career with your advisor.
- Do career related research: hold an [informational interview](#), **connect** with alumni and employers, and use [LinkedIn](#).
- Register for the [Jan Term Career Exploration](#) course! The career focus varies each year.

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3rd Year - Experience

Set yourself up for success in life after graduation. Seek out leadership roles; think about applying to be a mentor for incoming students. Start preparing to take standardized tests or finding a job. The more options you have, the more likely you are to get into a graduate program or get a great job.

- Take initiative! Seek leadership positions in the student clubs and organizations with which you are involved.
- Strive for academic success.
- Stop by [Career Development](#) to set up a [mock interview](#).
- Keep up your relationships with professors.
- Search for summer [internship](#) opportunities.
- Take advantage of [study abroad](#) opportunities.
- Begin to ask professors if they can be a strong reference; if they can't, find someone who can.
- Work on a research project with a professor.
- Attend the [First Avenue Career Expo](#) to connect with internship, full-time, and grad school recruiters.
- Update and clean your online presence.

Career Path:

- Research companies you want to work for. Contact them to see if you can apply for jobs. Use the [resources](#) at Career Development to start!
- Seek ways to learn from professionals. Engage in [informational interviewing](#), job shadows, alumni connections, and company visits.
- Attend programs to connect with employers.
- Make a list of career goals you wish to accomplish in five years.
- Register for the [Jan Term Career Exploration](#) course!
- Create and build a professional wardrobe.
- Join professional associations in your industry and seek out industry events to connect with professionals.

Grad School Path:

- Explore [grad school options](#). Is it right for YOU? Unsure if you want to go to grad school? Schedule an appointment at Career Development!
- Talk with your professors about your Grad School plans.
- Research the entrance exams you have to take. Consider taking a prep class to improve your score.
- Attend the [Grad School Expo](#) to connect with recruiters.
- [Explore](#) grad school programs that will help you accomplish your goals.
- Learn the admissions procedures. Use our [resources](#) to get started!



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4th Year - Succeed

Take action to plan and prepare for your future. Continue connecting with employers, professors, and other professionals you've met. Dedicate yourself to the job search or preparing for grad school. If you have questions or need advice, make an appointment with the Career Development staff and we will be glad to assist you.

- Take initiative! Seek leadership positions in the student clubs and organizations with which you are involved.
- Visit [Career Development](#) to practice [interviewing](#).
- Register for the [Jan Term Career Exploration](#) course!
- Make your [resume](#) specific to each job application. Not sure how? Career Development will be happy to assist you!
- Seek out and nurture your professional connections; make business cards to hand out so they can remember you!
- Continue to build your portfolio of work for recruiters to see what you have accomplished.
- Consider doing research with a faculty member.
- Maintain a positive attitude and stay flexible.
- Stay on top of application deadlines.
- Recheck your online presence to ensure professionalism.
- Join a professional association if you haven't already!
- Form a Plan B in case something changes.
- Attend the [First Avenue Career Expo](#) to connect with internship, full-time, and grad school recruiters.
- Contact [Alumni and Parent Relations](#) to learn about alumni benefits and services.

Career Path:

- Engage in an **active job search**. Do informational interviewing, job shadows, company visits, and make alumni connections.
- Research different careers of interest. Look at jobs and companies hiring. Remember, [Cat Connect](#) has many full-time jobs!
- Attend senior-specific events to connect with employers and learn to secure that job. Attend Career Development events!
- If you still need experience, consider doing an [internship](#) after you graduate.

Grad School Path:

- If you haven't yet, take the required exams.
- Complete your grad school application. When you're done, have Career Development and the [Writing Center](#) review it.
- Attend the [Grad School Expo](#) to connect with recruiters.
- Follow up with the grad school programs after you submit the application.
- Inform the universities you're accepting and rejecting.
- Follow up with your program and keep on top of pre-program prep.